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TOPIC KVP Units in East Berlin

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REMARKS

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1. Between 30 August and 3 September 1953, [REDACTED] an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 KVPs were quartered at the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde. The soldiers seen [REDACTED] wore red service color. [REDACTED]

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2. From 25 August to 5 September, an estimated 5,000 KVPs were stationed at the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde. Most of the soldiers seen wore red service color, but some red-bordered black epaulets were also noticed. Since many trucks occupied by VP personnel were observed proceeding from or to the sector boundaries in Berlin, [REDACTED] the unit was employed for border control missions. The VP soldiers were armed with submachine guns and rifles. [REDACTED]

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3. The former installation of the Seapolizei on Schneller Strasse quartered an estimated 200 KVPs. No training activities were observed. [REDACTED]

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4. Observations made [REDACTED] at the Magerviehhof between 1 and 7 September, indicated that the installation quartered at least 1,000 KVPs who wore green or light red service color. About 5:30 p.m., about 150 KVPs, most of them officers, left the installation. [REDACTED] these officers lived in private billets. Trucks occupied by personnel repeatedly left the installation toward Lichtenberg. The unit quartered at the Magerviehhof was armed with rifles. Forty to 50 trucks and some sedans were seen parked in the yard of the installation. [REDACTED]

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5. From 22 August to 2 September, [] observed that the Friedrich-Karl Kaserne near the Friedrich Strasse elevated railroad station was occupied to capacity by a KVP unit and VP personnel who wore blue uniforms. On 22, 27 and 30 August, [] observed, respectively, 2, 3 and 6 large tents in the southern portion of the billeting area, near the field kitchens parked there. Up to 15 trucks and about 10 field kitchens were observed in the yard of the installation. 25X1

25X1 6. On 8 September, [] observed 50 large tents and about 30 smaller tents, the latter with a capacity of 10 to 15 men each, besides 10 to 15 canvas-covered armored vehicles and 8 to 10 canvas-covered artillery pieces at the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde. The tents were apparently occupied by KVP soldiers. On 8 September, trucks [] loaded with straw and hay, and truck [] occupied by 6 men who wore crimson epaulets entered the camp. 25X1C 25X1

25X1C 7. On 9 September, the former castle in Friedrichsfelde and the Schlosspark were occupied by KVP personnel. From 70 to 80 trucks and 10 jeeps were parked behind the castle. About 3 p.m., sedans [] occupied by officers, left the Schlosspark toward Karlshorst. About 3:45 p.m., a convoy of nine trucks, [] each occupied by about 20 men, left the Schlosspark toward Stalin Allee. The EM wore summer uniforms without collar patches and red-bordered epaulets. 25X1C 25X1

25X1 8. On 9 September, [] observed that the FDGB building on Fritz-Heckert Strasse quartered a small KVP unit of undetermined strength which was employed for guard missions along the sector boundaries. Trucks [] were parked in front of the building. 25X1C 25X1

25X1C 9. From 5 through 10 September, [] the former installation of the 25X1 Seepolizei on Schmeller and Karlshorster Strasse served as quartering and administrative building of the KVP. An estimated 600 KVPs were quartered there. 25X1 The guards and soldiers seen there wore red-bordered epaulets. About 15 sedans were seen in the yard of the building on 5 and 8 September. 25X1

25X1 10. Between 11:30 p.m. and 0:30 a.m. in the night of 11/12 September, four convoys each consisting of 1 jeep, 6 to 8 trucks, each occupied by about 20 KVPs, 1 truck loaded with luggage, and 1 ambulance arrived at Magerviehhof. [] 25X1 [] were identified. At 0:30 a.m. on 12 September, about 20 trucks, each occupied by about 20 KVPs, left the installation. [] 25X1 [] At 1 a.m., [] observed a train without locomotive consisting of 40 boxcars occupied to capacity by KVP personnel at the Friedrichsfelde-Ost railroad station. 25X1

[] 11. Between 7:15 p.m. and 11 p.m. on 12 September, [] motor vehicle 25X1 convoys in Schoeneweide proceeding toward Karlshorst. The first convoy consisted 25X1 of about 36 trucks each occupied by about 25 KVPs. 2 tank trucks and 3 field kitchens. [] 25X1 Most of the soldiers wore blue collar patches. The second convoy, which was observed at 10:20 p.m., consisted of about 40 trucks occupied by KVP personnel and some jeeps. Most of the soldiers wore blue collar patches. [] The third convoy, observed at 11 p.m., consisted of 15 trucks each occupied by about 25 KVPs who wore blue 25X1 collar patches. [] The soldiers were armed with small arms and light machine guns. The convoy probably proceeded to the Schloss Park in Friedrichsfelde. 1 25X1

25X1C 12. At 7:45 p.m. on 12 September, a KVP troop train of 20 boxcars, each carrying about 30 men, and about 25 flatcars, each loaded with a truck, arrived at the Magerviehhof at Berlin from the direction of Lichtenberg. 25X1C

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13. Between 7:20 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the same day, [redacted] motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1C
 [redacted] Between 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., truck [redacted] occupied by about 20 KVPs entered the installation while truck [redacted] left the installation. 25X1C

14. Between 1 and 7 September, the former Schwesternheim (Home for Nurses) in Biesdorf still quartered an estimated 400 to 600 KVPs who wore black-bordered red epaulets. From 80 to 100 men were seen doing close order drill in the wooded area nearby. Six trucks with food rations left the installation toward the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde. 25X1C

15. Between 28 August and 7 September, the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde still quartered an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 KVP personnel who wore red and red-bordered black epaulets. The soldiers were quartered in about 200 tents. Numerous motor vehicles were seen near the tent camp. At intervals of about two hours trucks carrying VPs armed with rifles and submachine guns left the Schlosspark. 25X1C
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 25X1C 16. At 4 p.m. on 13 September, [redacted] observed that the Schlosspark in Friedrichsfelde was almost completely vacated by the KVP. However, the tents were still seen there. Two radio trucks and an undetermined number of jeeps and trucks were seen. Tank trucks [redacted] and jeeps [redacted] were observed. 2 25X1C

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 25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Information on the employment of KVP units in East Berlin was transmitted previously. [redacted]
 25X1A 2. [redacted] Between 11 and 13 September, the three infantry regiments of the Division Prora committed in Berlin in August were replaced by units from Prora and possibly also by units from the Division Eggesin. [redacted]

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. It is not clear whether the unit previously stationed at the tent camp in the Schlosspark at Friedrichsfelde was moved to winter-proof quarters or whether the installation was just temporarily empty pending the arrival of a new unit.

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